

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants : Roger Petrus Gerebern Vandecruys et al. Confirmation No.: 8848  
Appln. No. : 09/937,860 (parent)  
Filed : September 28, 2001  
Title : PREGELATINIZED STARCH IN A CONTROLLED RELEASE  
FORMULATION  
Art Unit : 1615  
Examiner : Micah Paul Young (parent)

Mail Stop Patent Application  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please consider the following amendments and remarks.